

A Public Safety Center for Beaverton's Future



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Voters to Consider Ballot Measure

In 1986, the City of Beaverton's Police Department and Court moved into an office building on Griffith Drive. It was planned to be a temporary move.

This summer, city administrative services have moved to The Round – providing an opportunity to remodel the Griffith Drive building into an updated public safety center.

A citizen advisory committee recommended the remodel because it would address the city's public safety needs at almost half the cost of purchasing new property and building a new center.

The Beaverton City Council voted unanimously to bring this issue to city voters to approve issuing \$35 million in bonds to pay for the remodel.

Consolidation is the Goal

As the city has grown, the police department has had to lease additional buildings to house services. Dividing the department's services creates inefficiencies in service delivery and fragments the department.

The consolidation plans will allow the city to update the building's design with safety in mind. Police buildings have a unique design and are built with specific safety and security features not found in office buildings.

Routine police activities such as prisoner custody, weapons maintenance and evidence inventory all require an extra layer of security and are complicated to perform in a building not designed for these functions.



Police work is more high-tech since the mid-1980s and updating the building's infrastructure to handle the high-tech nature of the criminal investigations is also a component of the remodel.



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How much will this cost?

In order to minimize the financial impact, the city is structuring the bond proposal to coincide with the retirement of the library construction bonds set to expire in 2018. The graphic below demonstrates the cost over 20 years to the average Beaverton taxpayer.



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